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DIARY NOTES

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25X1A 1. I met with [REDACTED] and others to discuss the accelerated procurement of [REDACTED] Our total program provides for the eventual installation of 173. Of these, 127 are on hand or on order. Due to budgetary restrictions we had planned to procure 10 of the balance in Fiscal Year 1961 and the remainder (36) in Fiscal Year 1962. We have had exceptionally good luck with this equipment and it is considered definitely in the Agency's best interests to install them as rapidly as they can be procured. The National Security Agency has just notified us that if we are to place any additional orders prior to September of 1960 we must do so not later than 11 March. I authorized [REDACTED] to order an additional 26 machines now which Chuck assured me that we could finance. This will leave a balance of 20, 10 of which will be procured in Fiscal Year 1961 and the remaining 10 in Fiscal Year 1962.

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3. I met with Matt Baird and [REDACTED] to discuss the development of our Senior Management Course and approved of Matt going to [REDACTED] next week to see if he could not settle the matter with [REDACTED] or someone else.

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4. Gordon Stewart, [REDACTED] and their recruiting people were up to brief me on clerical recruitment and placement. I was pleased to learn that there is no shortage, at the moment, of personnel willing to go overseas and that they are, in fact, filling all vacancies on a current basis.

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5. Brigadier General William Ely telephoned to say that at the request of Paul

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[REDACTED] the Department of the Army had arranged to detail a Sergeant, now attending the Monterey Language School, who speaks Russian and is a computer expert, to our Machine Translation Program. However, after having gone through all of the necessary channels, including the Adjutant General, they have now been told by [REDACTED] that we do not have a space and cannot accommodate the Sergeant. He is leaving Monterey on the 18th of March and needs to know as soon as possible whether or not we are going to take him. I told Bill that I would let him know within a day or two and have asked Gordon Stewart to look into this and report as soon as possible.

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6. [REDACTED] was in to discuss the assignment of [REDACTED] and recommended that Joe be assigned as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Director (Support). I told John

25X1A9a I did not think that this was wise in that it would mean that two components within the Support organization would have the same function and that I proposed to put Joe on the Management Staff. John is to consult with [REDACTED] and make a specific recommendation as to his placement within the Management Staff.

25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he and Dick Bissell had met with the Director and General Cabell who had approved of Gordon Stewart's assignment as Chief of the EE Division when [REDACTED] moves to the NE Division this summer. Dick wanted my permission to talk to Gordon about this. He also said that DD/P would come up with recommendations for a replacement. I told Dick that knowing Gordon's long-range aspirations I felt sure that he would welcome the change. I also told him that while I welcomed nominations from DD/P for Gordon's replacement, there would be other candidates and that they should not assume that the DD/P nominee would necessarily be approved. Dick said that he understood this and that he would not discuss this with any individual they had in mind without first clearing it with me.

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